This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

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LISTING OF CLAIMS

- 1. (Original) A method for producing metal particles or mixed metal particles dispersed on a particulate substrate comprising
 - a. exposing an organometallic and the particulate substrate to a supercritical or near supercritical fluid under conditions to form a mixture of the fluid and the organometallic,
 - b. allowing the mixture to remain in contact with the substrate for a time sufficient to deposit dispersed organometallic onto the substrate,
 - c. venting the mixture,
 - d. thereby adsorbing the organometallic onto the substrate, and then
 - e. reducing the dispersed organometallic to dispersed metal particles with a reducing agent.
- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises a carbonaceous material.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the carbonaceous substrate comprises carbon black, graphite, nanocarbons, fullerenes, finely divided carbon, or mixtures thereof.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the carbonaceous substrate comprises carbon black.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the organometallic comprises 1,5-cyclooctadiene dimethyl platinum [Pt(COD)Me₂], (1,5-cyclooctadiene) (hexafluoroacetylacetonato) silver [Ag(COD)hfac], ruthenium acetylacetonate [Ru(acac)₃], or Ag(acac), or a mixture thereof.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the metal particles are nanoparticles.
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the metal particles are nanoparticles.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the nanoparticles are less than 10 nm in average diameter.

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- 9. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the nanoparticles are about 0.5 nm to about 10 nm in average diameter.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the nanoparticles are about 0.5 nm to about 5 nm in average diameter.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the metal particles are noble metal particles.
- 12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the metal particles comprise platinum, iridium, osmium, rhenium, ruthenium, rhodium, palladium, vanadium, chromium, gold, silver, nickel, cobalt, or a mixture thereof, or an alloy thereof.
- 13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the metal particles comprise platinum.
- 14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the metal particles comprise silver.
- 15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the metal particles comprise ruthenium.
- 16. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the metal particles are mixed metal particles.
- 17. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the fluid comprises carbon dioxide, ethane, ethylene, propane, propylene, chlorotrifluoromethane, or ammonia.
- 18. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the fluid comprises carbon dioxide.
- 19. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the reducing is by addition of a reducing agent.
- 20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the reducing agent comprises hydrogen, hydrogen sulfide, formaldehyde, sodium borohydride, hydrazine, hydroxyl amine, or a combination thereof.
- 21. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the reducing agent comprises gaseous hydrogen.
- 22. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the reducing is under pressure.
- 23. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein the pressure controls the metal particle size.
- 24. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the organometallic is adsorbed while in the mixture.

- 25. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the organometallic is adsorbed when the mixture is vented.
- 26. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein in step (a), at least some of the organometallic dissolves in the fluid.

- 27. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein in step (a), all or substantially all of the organometallic dissolves in the fluid.
- 28. (Original) A method for producing particulate substrate-supported dispersed metallic particles comprising
 - a. mixing an organometallic in a supercritical or near supercritical fluid to form a mixture,
 - b. exposing a particulate substrate to the mixture of a) under supercritical or near supercritical conditions for a period of time sufficient to deposit dispersed organometallic on the substrate,
 - c. venting the mixture,
 - d. thereby adsorbing the organometallic onto the substrate, and then
 - e. reducing the organometallic to dispersed metal particles with a reducing agent.
- 29. (Original) A method for producing particulate substrate-supported dispersed metallic particles comprising
 - a. adding a particulate substrate and an organometallic to a reactor,
 - b. adding a supercritical fluid to the reactor to form a mixture with the organometallic,
 - c. allowing the organometallic to remain in contact with the substrate for a time sufficient to deposit dispersed organometallic onto the substrate,
 - d. venting the reactor,
 - e. thereby adsorbing the organometallic onto the substrate, and then
 - f. adding a gaseous reducing agent to the reactor, and
 - g. contacting the reducing agent and organometallic until the organometallic is reduced to dispersed metal particles.

30. (Currently Amended) A-The method for of claim 1, wherein the method producing produces a supported particulate catalyst suitable for use in a fuel cell_comprising

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- a. exposing an organometallic and a particulate substrate to a supercritical or near supercritical fluid under conditions to form a mixture of the fluid and the organometallic,
- b. allowing the mixture to remain in contact with the substrate for a time sufficient to deposit dispersed organometallic onto the substrate,
- c. venting the mixture,
- d. thereby adsorbing the organometallic onto the substrate, and then
- e. reducing the dispersed organometallic to dispersed metal particles with a reducing agent thereby forming a supported particulate catalyst, wherein the supported particulate catalyst is suitable for use in a fuel cell.
- 31. (Currently Amended) A-The method of claim 1, wherein the method is for producing a supported particulate catalyst for use in a fuel cell with a controlled catalyst particle size, wherein the method further comprises in step (e), comprising
 - a. exposing an organometallic and a particulate substrate to a supercritical or near supercritical fluid under conditions to form a mixture of the fluid and the organometallic;
 - b. allowing the mixture to remain in contact with the substrate for a time sufficient to deposit dispersed organometallic onto the substrate,
 - c. venting the mixture,
 - d. thereby adsorbing the organometallic onto the substrate, and then
 - e. reducing the dispersed organometallic to dispersed metal particles with a reducing agent under pressure conditions effective to form the desired particle size thereby forming a supported particulate catalyst with controlled metal particle size.
- 32. (Original) The particulate composition produced by the method of claim 1.
- 33. (Original) The particulate composition produced by the method of claim 28.

- 34. (Original) The particulate composition produced by the method of claim 29.
- 35. (Original) The particulate composition produced by the method of claim 30.
- 36. (Original) The particulate composition produced by the method of claim 31.
- 37. (Cancelled)
- 38. (Original) A catalytic fuel cell wherein the catalyst comprises the particulate composition of claim 35.